

Brattleboro Oct 4th 1848.

Dear Brother:

I write you a few lines now to inquire after you. I have not heard a word of you since I came here, and I hear from father that you have not written home, and I cannot find as you have let any of your friends hear from you since you went to Mexico. I fear you are sick, for it is very strange if you are well that you have not written to some of us. Father wrote me last week and seemed somewhat alarmed about you. If you are well you certainly ought to write to our dear parents, for it would save them a great deal of anxiety.

I am settled down here in Brattleboro, and have staid long enough to learn something of things here. My school is in some respects pleasant, and in others it is not. The location is very delightful, and the committee ready to sustain a man in his efforts to build up the school. But the

scholars are a very difficult set to manage, the worst I ever saw, I think. Some of them are bright and learn well; but others are dull, lazy, and ignorant. I think I can see some improvement, but the school is by no means what I would have it. It will take the best teacher a long time to bring it anywhere near what it should be. It is a strictly English school, and for this I am sorry. I am desirous to teach the Classics, as that is what I wish to study for the present. I think if I have an opportunity to go into a Classical school, I shall do so when my time is out here.

I have been ill a fortnight since I have been here, so as not to be in my school. I have had a touch of the Typhus fever, which is somewhat prevalent here. I was not very sick any of the time, but was able to dress myself every day and sit up a part of the time, although I had to keep my room for several days. I think I am quite well now, and have not been so healthy for a year. I went into my school again a week ago last Monday, and do not close my term till four weeks

after this. I shall then have only a very short vacation.

I might write you a great many things about this beautiful village had I time. Suffice it to say it is the most delightful of any I was ever in except Burlington. There are is a great variety in the scenery here, and we have some most delightful walks. It has been thronged with visitors this summer, from all parts of the world, I was going to say. The "Cold Water Cure" attracts a great many. They have had more than two hundred here this summer, and there are over one hundred now. Many of them are not very sick, but merely fashionably ill. They come from the extreme South, Florida, & Louisiana; and several have been here from the West India islands, and one from Paris, I understand. Very many of them are distinguished men. Prof. Stone of Ohio has spent a long time here, and has preached several times. He wakes up the whole community when he strikes. Now do write me immediately and let me hear how you are, and all about your success.

As ever, your affectionate brother,
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